

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following replacement paragraph:

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---This application is related to U.S. Patent Application "EXTENDING THE GUI DESKTOP/PAPER METAPHOR TO INCORPORATE PHYSICAL PAPER INPUT", Serial No. 09/854,978, filed on even date herewith for Applicants D. Dumarot, et al.; U.S. Patent Application "DIGITIZER COMPANION SUBSYSTEM TO EXTEND PC BATTERY LIFE", Serial No. 09/854,980, filed on even date herewith for Applicants D. Dumarot, et al.; U.S. Patent Application "IMPROVED FRONT OF SCREEN, USER INTERFACE, AND NATIONAL LANGUAGE SUPPORT BY DOWNLOADING BITMAPS FROM PC TO COMPANION DEVICE", Serial No. 09/854,977, filed on even date herewith for Applicants D. Dumarot, et al; and U.S. Patent Application "THE USE OF A PAPER PAD WITH UNIQUELY IDENTIFIED PAGES IN A DIGITIZER SYSTEM", Serial No. 09/854,976, filed on even date herewith for Applicants D. Dumarot, et al.---

At page 1, line 16, please add the following new paragraph:

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---This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/238,837, filed on October 6, 2000 and of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/269,301, filed on February 16, 2001.---